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## Deadlines

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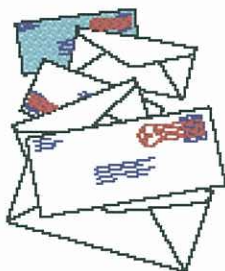
# From your (freezzzing) Editor:

Hi all! Hope every one of you had a delightful Thanksgiving and is looking forward to the December Holiday Season! Here in Charleston it's cold, but nothing like Watertown, New York, where we went for Thanksgiving to visit our son, Raymond, who is stationed at Ft. Drum. Brrrrr ... is all I can say and, you know what? ... Brrr ... I will never forget that cold. I'll just say that I am too wimpy to live up North!

This issue of *ATG* is chock a block full of great information and news. We have interviews with **Martin Manley** and **Bob Schatz**, articles by **Nancy Gibbs**, **Elizabeth Knight**, **Kent Mulliner** and **John Zubal**. Library profiles have returned (hooray!) with one in this issue of **Western Kentucky University**. As well, **Julie Gammon** is back with a publisher bestseller column (**U. of Toronto Press**) to match with the Bestsellers in Geology col-

umn by **Françoise Crowell** and **Bob Nardini**. Many other interesting articles are on the new ISBN (see **Chaos**) and the "Coming Restructuring of the Library Book Vendor" (**Pandora's Box**). There are lots more columns in this issue (**Vendor/Library Relations**, **Academic Book Trends**, *sotto voce*, etc., etc.). The only person who's missing is **Papa Lyman** who says he'll be back in the next issue (February). Speaking of **Papa Lyman**, up there in New York not far from Raymond. Brrr ...

Yr. Ed. 



## Letters to the Editor

Send letters to <strauchk@earthlink.net> (Please note NEW email address), phone or fax 843-723-3536, or snail mail: **Against the Grain**, MSC 98, The Citadel, Charleston, SC 29409. You can also send a letter to the editor from the *ATG* Homepage at <<http://www.against-the-grain.com>>

### Dear Editor:

Although I've never been an acquisitions or collection development librarian, *Against the Grain* is rapidly becoming my favorite library publication. I enjoy the Rumors section, the legal issues discussions, even "Adventures in Librarianship." The layout is easy to read (now that I've—ahem—matured into bifocals), and the dingbats and graphics add exactly the right tone.

Thanks, and keep up the good work. My regards to the Holy City!

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### Dear Editor:

#### Subject: Group Therapy 9/99 issue

This kind of multiple perspective response article is great and I'm not just saying that because **Carl Teresa** quotes me (just spell my names right!) The result is the same thing I value about the Charleston conference: multiple points of view so we come to understand each other.

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### Dear Editor:

I received your copy of *Against the Grain* early this week and I am in the process of reading it. Your magazine looks good.

Regards

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### Rumors

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pany will be based in The Netherlands. It will begin trading early in early 2000. The merger is between the subscription agency and information services divisions of **Blackwell** and **Swets**. Remaining outside the joint venture are the mail order and retail bookselling operations of **Blackwell Ltd** and the publishing, document services, psychological tests and publishers' services divisions of **Swets & Zeitlinger BV**. The overall integration of all systems and offices will be completed by 2001 with the majority of the systems being fully integrated during 2000. **Swets Blackwell** will be a leading global subscription agent and information services company with a turnover in excess of one billion \$US. Its offices are in 18 countries with total personnel in the region of 1,200. In the meantime, why not stop by the **Swets Blackwell** booth (1807) in San Antonio and ask the awesome **Mike Markwith** what is going on?

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ALA Annual	June 2000	04/05/00	04/19/00
Reference Publishing	Sept. 2000	07/05/00	07/19/00
Charleston Conference	Nov. 2000	08/23/00	09/06/00
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 00/Jan. 01	10/25/00	11/08/00